

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

March 19, 2026

Name of County or Counties

Washington County

Date of Election

May 19, 2026

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Amendment to County Auditor Requirements under the Washington County Charter

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the Washington County Charter be amended to update residency and audit standard requirements for the County Auditor?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This proposed Washington County Charter amendment updates the requirements for the Washington County Auditor by requiring the Washington County Auditor meet the following conditions:

1) Requires the Washington County Auditor to reside in Washington County Oregon for one year immediately preceding taking office;

2) Requires the Washington County Auditor perform audits pursuant to the Government Auditing Standards;

and

3) Removes the Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP) as a qualification to run for Washington County Auditor.

If approved, the revised Charter would take effect January 1, 2027.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the county governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

Date Signed

Washington County

Amendment to County Auditor Requirements under the Washington County Charter

Explanatory Statement

The Washington County Auditor serves as a non-partisan elective administrative officer of the County. (Charter, Section 43) The Auditor is responsible to the people to: (1) Continuously evaluate the effectiveness and results achieved by County programs and activities and the costs and resources used to achieve those results; (2) Report the results of these evaluations, including recommendations and the County Administrator's response, to the Board of County Commissioners; and (3) Issue an annual report to the Board and the public describing the activities of the Auditor during the preceding year and a plan for the upcoming year. (Charter Section 46(c))

This measure would amend Sections 43 and 46 of the Washington County Charter to: (1) require the Washington County Auditor to reside in Washington County for one year immediately preceding taking office; (2) require the Washington County Auditor to perform audits pursuant to the Government Auditing Standards; and (3) remove the Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP) certification as a qualification for election as the Washington County Auditor.

What would this Charter amendment do?

This Charter amendment would do three things:

- It would increase the residency requirement of the Auditor immediately preceding taking office from six (6) months to one (1) year. For comparison, the other elected administrative officer of the County, the Washington County Sheriff, must be a Washington County resident for two (2) years preceding taking office.
- It would amend Charter section 46(a) to require that the Auditor conduct audits pursuant to the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards.
- It would eliminate the certified government auditing professional (CGAP) qualification as a basis for qualification to hold the office of Auditor in Charter Section 46(a). This is an outdated and seldom used certification.

Would this Charter amendment affect taxes?

No. There is no anticipated effect on the tax rate based on this amendment.

What happens if the Charter amendment does not pass?

The residency requirement for the Auditor prior to taking office will remain six (6) months, the Auditor will not be required to conduct audits pursuant to Government Auditing Standards, and the certified government auditing professional (CGAP) certification will remain a qualifying certification for the Washington County Auditor.

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